(b) whether it is also a fact that recently the Delhi Trial Court has passed several strictures against the police officers on this count;

(c) if so, what is the total number of complaints received during the last one year from the affected persons and what action has been taken against the police officers involved; and

(d) whether recently some Members of Parliament have also written to the Police Commissioner of Delhi in connection with the illegal detention of innocent persons by the SHO, Connaught Place, New Delhi under the above Sections and if so, what action has been taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Only 11 such complaints have been received by the Delhi Police.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Some procedural irregularities were noticed in six of the above complaints. Appropriate action has been initiated in respect of the erring police officials.

Allegations in respect of the remaining five complaints were not substantiated, on inquiry.

(d) Yes Sir. A detailed inquiry was carried out and it was found that the concerned person who had been arrested under sections 107|151 Cr.P.C. had a criminal history. He was arrested under the said sections by the Connaught Place Police, when he was found threatening people with dire consequences at a public place. The allegations against the local police by the complainant were not found correct by the Inquiry Officer.

Merger of NTC Mills

1040. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that NTC is going to reduce the number of mills under its control by merging a few of such mills;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what steps the Central Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of the mill workers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Referendum for solving Maharashtra-Karnataka Border Dispute

1041. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to hold a referendum to solve the long-standing border dispute between Maharashtra and Karnataka;

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Government of India have always been of the view that this dispute can be resolved only with the willing cooperation of the State Governments concerned. The Central Government remain in touch with both the State Governments in the matter. Central assistance as required for arriving at a mutually acceptable solution to this problem will be rendered.